

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY FOR COFFEE GROWERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the subsidy for coffee growers in Karnataka and other States till end of the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): Government of India has already approved Coffee Board's Plan schemes for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan period. Coffee Board is implementing these developmental schemes under which various types of technical and financial assistance/subsidies are provided to coffee growers in both traditional and non traditional coffee growing areas. Further, in order to improve the farm productivity, quality, processing/marketing capability as also to reduce the credit burden of the coffee growers, the Coffee Board is operating several specific programmes providing for direct financial support/subsidies to the coffee growers during the X Plan. For carrying out the coffee developmental activities, the Coffee Board has been allocated a sum of Rs.300 crores as against Rs.124 crores during the 9th Plan period.